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The purpose of the fire prevention planning process is to assist headquarters, region, unit, and ranger district personnel in identifying specific causes and activities that require prevention or intervention, identifying possible alternatives, developing priorities for action, and evaluating selected actions. Each unit is required to develop a fire prevention plan that analyzes local problems, sets goals and objectives, presents an action plan, and evaluates the results.

The planning process addresses ignition management. Under a wide variety of burning conditions, not all fires are equal in their potential damage or control cost. Personnel should address each potential fire with the most effective prevention activity, whether pre-ignition management, loss prevention mandated activities, maintenance activities, or indirect prevention activities. All potential ignitions should be managed through identification and prevention of wildfires that exceed the capability of the suppression organization.

The planning process provides managers with the information necessary to accurately analyze the unit's fire prevention program. The standardized format used to document the decision-making process provides continuity to the prevention effort, prioritizes fire prevention problems, assigns resources to deal with those problems, and provides substantiation for present and future budgetary requests. The unit fire prevention plan must:

- Create a database upon which to make current and future decisions.
- Identify unit fire prevention problems.
- Prioritize problem areas.
- Select appropriate ignition management actions for dealing with particular problems including who is responsible for successful initiation and completion of the action, resources required to do the job, and associated costs.
- Contain at least those procedures outlined in [Chapter 9050](#) of H. B. 9000 (currently being edited from field draft).

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